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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHINICHI YAMAMURA

Application No.: 10/690,515

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For: PRINTING APPARATUS AND
INFORMATION PROCESSING
APPARATUS, CONTROL
METHOD THEREOF, PROGRAM,
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

Group Art Unit: 2622

August 26, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Publication No. 2002-0180822
- (2) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0189718
- (3) U.S. Publication No. 2004-0085386

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Attorney Docket No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
(4)	10/626,588	7/25/2003	2676	03500.017426	Shinichi, Yamamura, et al.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.


Documents (2) to (4) have a common inventor with, and are commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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